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19th Air Force CCM visits Team Tyndall

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Nineteenth Air Force's command chief master sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. Tealy Williams, visited Tyndall Oct. 24 through Friday for a site survey. He visited numerous organizations, saw many facets of the wing's mission and talked with people throughout the wing. The Gulf Defender also had an opportunity to talk with him — here are the results of that interview.

Q. After visiting a variety of units and meeting many Team Tyndall members, what's your impression of our base and the men and women who work here?

A. Tyndall is an absolutely outstanding team, nestled in a gorgeous location, and what most impressed me was everybody working together. People fully understand the mission, how important the mission is, and I have a strong sense that everyone down through the youngest airman understands how they contribute to the mission.

Q. What do you see as the number one issue in 19th Air Force that will have a direct impact on Tyndall during your tour as command chief master sergeant?

A. I think across the board in 19th AF it will be weapons systems beddown, and that speaks to the role that Tyndall will play in the F-22 bed down. If you look across the command with the T-6, T-8, T-38C and the innovations with new weapons systems coming on-line, clearly that's where our focus is going to be.

Q. Do you see anything in particular about the F-22 beddown that you are going to be involved with?

A. When you think about the F-22 or trying to bring on line any new weapons system, I think the role I play is to encourage folks to stay focused on what the goal is and help people during periods of frustration such as a minor hiccup in the timeline. I'll be available to up-channel things from my level to my boss about those issues, and be a communi-

cation conduit for people and let them know that we are aware of the delays and frustrations that come with it.

Q. What initiatives during your tour do you plan to pursue concerning retention and recruitment?

A. My main focus is to ensure that people have the information they need to make retention decisions. As I travel around, I'm amazed at the amount of misinformation that exists. I'm amazed at how some people are at a critical career decision point and they are about to make that decision with misinformation wrapped around a lot of emotion. So I'm going to work real hard to ensure I pass on information that people need to make those decisions.

Q. What quality-of-life issues do you plan to engage at the numbered Air Force and the wing level?

A. I think we have a real good sight picture on what we need to do for housing, and I think we have a good picture on what we need to do for pay table reform. We have a good plan in those areas. I would like us to work on cultural things, like leader and follower relationships and building the kind of esprit de corps we had earlier in my career. I have found these things get people through turbulent times. As a team, if we stay focused on the larger goal and on helping each other, not only will we excel during difficult times, but when the better times come, we will really excel. We can do remarkable things when we work together.

Q. In what capacity can the enlisted corps in the 19th Air Force work to improve readiness and morale?

A. Let me tackle each of those subjects in bite-sized chunks. I think readiness comes first. We can help each other by sharing our technical expertise. That means that a two-striper should be sharing two-striper expertise with a one striper and so on. We all know how to do our jobs and do them well.



Chief Master Sgt. Williams



2nd Lt. Chuck Lee

Preparing for the challenge...

Phillip Holzer, 11, son of Master Sgt. Phillip Holzer, 1st Air Force propulsions branch superintendent, adjusts the bridle on his horse "Fury" while waiting to compete during Saturday's Bay County 4-H Hunter/ English Horse Show held at Tyndall's Bonita Bay Equestrian Center. The center will host four more shows in the next few months.



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Congress gives the Air Force Memorial Foundation more time

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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN)—President Bill Clinton signed House Resolution 4583, the Air Force Memorial Authorization Extension recently. This legislation gives the memorial’s foundation more time to raise the funds needed for construction, finalize the memorial’s design and resolve any remaining issues regarding its location.

Initiatives to build an Air Force Memorial began during the Gulf War, as the use of air power became a critical driving force in the mission’s success. By November 1993, both houses of Congress passed an enabling legislation, which authorizes a private foundation to obtain the needed funds and approvals for a memorial’s design and location within seven years. Clinton signed Public Law 103-163 the following month, officially authorizing the memorial to be built. This started the seven-year process, which required these funds, design plans, and building permits to be secured by Dec. 2, 2000.

However, due to a lengthy court case, the Air Force Memorial Foundation is not able to meet this deadline.

Retired Brig. Gen. Patrick O. Adams, the foundation’s current president and a member of its board of trustees, explains, “In 1995, a small private interest group opposed the proposed construction site of the memorial in court. They lost this case and its appeal. However, in the two years this ordeal was being worked out, contributions came almost

to a standstill. Because contributors were waiting to see how the case would turn out and, therefore, holding back their contributions, we (the foundation) had great difficulty in maintaining the fund-raising process.

“This is why this extension was so important to us,” Adams said. “This five-year extension was needed to give the foundation more time to raise funds. We believe we need approximately \$30 million to begin construction. We have already raised \$24.5 million. The foundation expects to be able to raise the \$5 million difference by early next summer. We also believe that by then we should have its design and location officially approved.”

Adams said the foundation was concerned this memorial might not ever be built because of the obstacles hindering its construction. But, the House and Senate’s unanimous passage of this legislation assured the foundation otherwise.

“We are also absolutely humbled by the support we received from a little more than 80,000 Americans who wrote to their Congressmen reminding them of the importance of this memorial,” Adams said.

With this extension, the foundation is now able to concentrate its efforts on raising the \$5 million it still needs.

Speaking about the fund-raising campaign, Adams said, “The Air Force Memorial Foundation is thankful for the generous contributions, particularly from aerospace and defense-related industries, private corporations and organizations, and Air Force retirees. We also have received a number of contributions

from reunion groups and individual squadrons through the Combined Federal Campaign and the Air Force Assistance Fund.

“However, we have not gathered the same measure of support from the active-duty force. Therefore, last October we established grass-root efforts to systematically raise their awareness level. The foundation believes that with the assistance of organizations such as the Air Force Sergeants Association, it will be able to tap into this unused resource.”

As a part of this fund-raising campaign, the Air Force Memorial Foundation will also soon begin distributing videotapes that illustrate the memorial’s design. These tapes can be viewed at commanders’ calls, on the commander’s access channel or by request from Air Force public affairs offices.

Another source of information about the memorial is the memorial’s web site, www.airforcememorial.org. This web site not only provides information about the memorial’s history, design, and location, but also explains how to make contributions.

As the foundation’s web site states, the memorial has been designed to be a three-dimensional form rising 50 feet in the air lightly tethered to five points of the Air Force star. This uplifting design is open to the elements and captures the impression of sky and air. Approaching the memorial from the west, visitors will be greeted by four larger-than-life figures representing an ever-present honor guard. Visitors may also enter a below-ground memorial center where they will

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Guaranteed loan ads may equal guaranteed trouble

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Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force members recently have become the targets of moneylending scams operating out of Canada, according to Federal Trade Commission officials.

These scams, in the form of classified ads in military newspapers, advertise guaranteed loans, regardless of income or credit history,

and charge a significant up-front fee before the loan can be processed — a practice which is illegal, according to Donna Miles, Office of Consumer and Business Education.

Legitimate lenders don’t require up-front payments before extending credit and they don’t promise loans in their ads, Miles said.

People who do respond to the toll-free number in these ads are instructed to send a money order along with their loan application, she said.

“Most of these (people) don’t realize they are calling and writing to Canada,” she said. “The scam artists use toll-free numbers and typically have their mail routed through one or more U.S.-based mail drops.”

These “loan agents” have no loans to offer, Miles said. They cash the money orders they receive and destroy the paperwork or use it to further the scam.

“In some cases, (the scam artists) use the information to commit

identity theft,” she warns. They access the person’s credit cards or open accounts in their names without the consumer’s permission or knowledge by using the information included as part of the loan application such as Social Security number, date of birth and other personal data.

The Federal Trade Commission cautions consumers to be aware of certain slogans that often identify a deceptive ad.

These slogans include:

- Credit problems? No problem.
- No credit? No income? No problem.
- \$100 to \$10,000 with just your signature.
- Loans guaranteed regardless of poor credit history or low income.

Air Force members are also reminded that if the offer, promotion, payoff or benefit sounds too good to be true, then it most likely is, officials said.

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If we have a weak link in experience, we should strengthen that link, not eliminate the link. So in terms of readiness, we need to continue to work on our expertise platform.

From a morale point of view, I think it is having a sense of purpose and belonging and really feeling that you have a sense of team and team identity. Team Tyndall’s got that. The focus is on being a part of Team Tyndall. It should then trickle down to being proud of your groups, squadrons and units. We need to continue to cultivate that.

Q. How do you encourage the men and women in 19th AF to relate to recent world events, such as the USS Cole bombing, and create a sense of urgency, a need for readiness and sound security practices when stationed thousands of miles from such events?

A. They should sit down and have a discussion about the USS Cole. You don’t start by discussing what went right or wrong, but with what would happen if it were us. I think it creates a sense of urgency in us by recognizing that it could be us, and to have dialogue on what to do should that happen.

But more importantly, from a proactive point of view, what are we prepared to do to keep it from happening? You wrap that around reminding people what it really means to be in the Air Force, and take some time to remind ourselves we’re in the business of self-sacrifice. You can’t always see things coming, but you have to work hard to make sure you are prepared and able to respond.

Q. What is the best piece of advice you can offer Team Tyndall as we prepare for our Operational Readiness Inspection in January?

A. Keep doing what you’ve been doing every day. During my visit here, I saw people doing the best job they can every day. If you do that, and do it by the book, ORIs are no big deal. I get a sense that people are looking to do the right job every day, so you won’t have a problem with the ORI.

Q. Anything you’d like to say to the people of Tyndall?

A. I had a great time during my visit. I’d like to thank Brig. Gen. Hodgkins, Chief Master Sgt. Myers, and Team Tyndall for their hospitality and the opportunity to spend a couple of days with an outstanding team.

Tyndall restoration program seeks people for advisory board

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Applications for membership on the Tyndall Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board are being accepted from the local community through Nov. 15.

The Tyndall Restoration Advisory Board is intended to improve communication with the public concerning Tyndall's Installation Restoration Program. The installation restoration program seeks out, investigates and cleans up problem

areas the Air Force owns or controls in this vicinity.

Those selected for membership to the board will be asked to review and comment upon technical documents and communicate with the on- and off-base public about cleanup activities. At a minimum, meetings will be held quarterly, and additional time requirements may be established depending on the workload.

Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in Bay County.

Participation is strictly voluntary, and members will not be financially compensated.

Tyndall's environmental program has historically been recognized as one of the best in the Air Force. For more information or an application for RAB membership, please write to: 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, 445 Suwannee Road, Suite 129, Tyndall AFB, Fla. 32403-5000; or e-mail herman.bell@tyndall.af.mil.



Ann Garner

Preventing disaster

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight conducted an unannounced drill recently that simulated a leaking fuel bowser containing JP8 fuel. The 325th CES fire department responded quickly and efficiently preventing the "spill" from entering the storm drains on the flightline. The storm drainage system ultimately flows into the bay. Other participants in the exercise included people from Lockheed Martin and Del-Jen, Inc.

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be able to assume the "airmen's perspective" looking down onto an aerial imagery of the Earth, rearprojected onto a 45-foot diameter screen, augmented by a custom-produced audio program.

Punctuating the perimeter will be 24 artifacts, small in size, which give personal insight into the "Air Force experience." Adjacent to the rotunda will be an intimate space for quiet thought and reflection.

The proposed location is set appropriately near the site of the first military flight at Fort Meyer, Va., with a view of the Capitol across the Potomac River. This location is on the Arlington Ridge adjacent to Arlington Cemetery. The Air Force Memorial Foundation also emphasizes that the memorial's two-acre site will not interfere with nor compromise the integrity of any surrounding monuments.

The U.S. Air Force is the only branch of the Armed Services without a memorial in the nation's capital. Honoring all American airmen past, present and future, this memorial will serve as a lasting recognition of the many achievements in military aviation history and of the airmen who made them.

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| Off duty | 7 | 6 | +1 |
| Traffic | 3 | 1 | +2 |
| Sports | 3 | 5 | -2 |
| Fatalities | 1 | 0 | +1 |
| DUIs | 13 | 7 | +6 |

Commander's Corner:



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

I hope everyone has seen the advertisements and gotten plenty of information about the upcoming Dining out Nov. 18. A Dining out provides us as a base, wing and military community an opportunity to enjoy each other's company in a setting steeped in tradition.

This Air Force tradition began many years ago when Gen. "Hap" Arnold would hold his famous 'wing dings.' He used the ceremony and dinner to show appreciation for the bond between unit members and their Royal Air Force colleagues during World War II. This tradition evolved into the modern-day Air Force Dining in. We still hold Dining ins today, but have developed the Dining out in order to include our spouses and other guests.

I encourage anyone who has not attended a Dining out to do so. Besides instilling esprit de corps, pride and enthusiasm for our chosen profession, it also provides a great opportunity to spend time in a social gathering with each other.

NCO praises the CDC

Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
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I received a new duty title recently. My new job requires that I be available 24 hours a day, be able to multi-task and be a good teacher, listener and comforter. I'm a new mom.

Of course, like most new moms in the Air Force, I spent the first six weeks of my son's life at home on leave — and I loved it. Sure, I was getting up for midnight feedings, changing countless diapers and trying to understand how four ounces of formula in seemed like 16 ounces out... but it was the most



Brig. Gen. Hodgkins

Contact your first sergeant or commander and buy tickets before they're gone — it's a great experience.

Pride comes in many packages and this week some people came together so we could show just how proud we are of them at the Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony. Ask any senior NCO on this base what they've been told by promotion board members concerning the weight a CCAF degree carries. You'll find they are adamant about this degree program. It tells anyone looking at the CCAF graduate's record a couple of things. First it says, "I'm on board" — meaning I take pride in my career field and want to know all I can about it and be productive. It also sends the message to less experienced troops or those just entering the Air Force that it's an important program. That idea cannot be understated. So congratulations to those who earned their CCAF degree with this recent class and I encourage everyone out there who has yet to earn it, stick with it — it's well worth the effort.

Have a great week!

Action Line



Lisa Carroll

Airman 1st Class Sherri Stanfill, 325th Security Forces Squadron operations information manager, receives the 325th Support Group Airman of the Quarter award from Col. Worth Carter, 325th Support Group commander.

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first

sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Q: What can be done about the ant-infestation problem we have in our quarters in base housing? Ants are everywhere, in the cupboards, walls and throughout the house. We have been to housing, hired a local pest control contractor back in 1998 with limited success, put out traps and nothing seems to rid our quarters of ants. I have thrown away many dollars' worth of food because they even get into unopened boxes not to mention the cost of trying to control the ants. The answer from housing to go get a can of ant spray and that it is not their responsibility is unacceptable. What help is there for a family living in these conditions in base housing?

A: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address your ant-infestation problem because it is a problem that affects many people in base housing, including me. When

experiencing an ant problem, the first place you should visit is the Self-Help DGR store. At no charge, the Self-Help DGR store will provide ant traps, ant pellets, and various other useful products to help you alleviate your ant problem. The DGR store carries many new ant-control products, which you can use at no cost. These products should act as your first line of defense for at least 30 days to control minor ant problems before they become ant-infestation problems. After 30 days, if your ant problem still exists, please call DGR at 286-6495, and DGR will call Del Jen Inc. to perform an entomology treatment. Large ant communities are sometimes eminent simply because of where we live; however, we can control ant-infestation problems by using the options offered above. Thank you again for your concern.

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IT initiatives give Air Force edge minus longer hours

Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — “One Air Force, one network” translates to “killer applications and killer service, without killer hours,” an Air Force official said of the service’s information technology vision.

Lt. Col. Don Greiman, director of the deputy chief of staff for communications and information action group, recently outlined a group of IT summit initiatives designed to help people work smarter, while giving the Air Force a technological edge in gathering, moving and updating information.

After a July summit, 11 focus groups, comprising representatives from the major commands, Air Force agencies and private industry, convened to define the “one Air Force, one network” concept.

Three initiatives — the consolidation of e-mail servers, the design of an Air Force portal and the establishment of an Air Force-wide directory — were briefed at Corona-Fall 2000, a gathering of Air Force leadership Oct.4.

“We’ve seen some tremendous gains in consolidating our e-mail servers,” Greiman said.

By consolidating, there is a less-complicated network and fewer versions of different software being used, Greiman said.

Therefore, people are able to focus on their jobs and do things more directly related to their Air Force Specialty Codes. “E-mail servers are just the tip of the iceberg,” he said.

Another initiative being developed is the Air Force portal titled “My.AF,” which gives users a single point of access to hundreds of Air Force resources online. My.AF ties applications into a single view and gives users

the ability to personalize their portals to fit individual needs.

“If you were to go out to a commercial ‘e-tailer’ to order a book, you don’t need training to order; it’s intuitive,” Greiman said. “The web-enabled applications help you shop, check out and provide shipping instructions. This happens because someone thought the process through and arranged web-enabled applications to help the customer and the information move easily through the transaction. That kind of self-service is what we want to do for hundreds of Air Force processes.”

The concept behind development of the portal began last winter in response to a concern expressed by Ron Orr, assistant deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, after he visited Air Combat Command’s regional supply squadron at Langley AFB, Va.

Maj. Joe Besselman, chief of logistics systems modernization for installations and logistics at the Pentagon, believes Orr’s concern centered on the need for people to use multiple systems within the RSS to do their jobs. The portal puts all functional systems in one place, so the job could be accomplished from a single terminal.

The Standard Systems Group’s IL system program office initiated a prototyping of an installation and logistics portal, which later was evolved into the Air Force Portal, Besselman said.

“The portal pulls together essential functional systems into one place so RSS and Air Force Materiel Command’s supply chain managers can exploit better information faster to perform their jobs more effectively and deliver better support to the warfighter,” he said.

The last initiative briefed at

Corona was the Air Force directory, or “white pages.” It will function as a global-addressing system and will include the names, duty stations, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of all Air Force members.

“Every one of us at one time or another needs to find someone else in the Air Force,” Greiman said. He believes the problem with the current e-mail lists is they only have those people at your own base, plus those you’ve personally added. But there’s the whole rest of the Air Force out there. The same applies to telephone numbers.

The “white pages” integrates data from the personnel data systems with base and major command global-address listings and creates an Air Force-wide directory available for everyone to use.

Aside from making people’s jobs easier, superiority on the information technology spectrum is viewed as a decisive weapon as outlined by Air Force Vision 2020.

“Information superiority is a core Air Force competency because it delivers the ability to control and exploit information to our nation’s advantage and ensure we have decision dominance,” said Lt. Gen. John L. Woodward Jr., Air Force deputy chief of staff for communications and information.

“Information is a weapon, and information superiority is a decisive weapon. We need to place emphasis on information technology for four reasons,” Woodward said. “To enhance decision-making dominance; to strengthen command, control and precision engagement; to work faster, covering a wider range of duties and responsibilities without increasing operations tempo; and to optimize our efforts to recruit, train and retain our vital IT workforce.”

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You have to understand that although I’ve been in the Air Force 13 years, before Jack’s birth I thought CDC was an acronym for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. All right, maybe I’m exaggerating a bit, but it was a facility on base that I didn’t really give much thought to. So, while I knew in my heart Jack was going to be OK, visions of him crying for hours on end in a lonely crib swarmed through my head. But it didn’t take long for those fears to be allayed. Like most

parents leaving their child in someone else’s care, my first day back to work was broken into a series of breaks — baby breaks. I dropped into the CDC several times that day to see Jack, but more than that I went to check up on his care. What I found instead of the lonely crying baby I had envisioned, was a happy face, surrounded by a stimulating environment full of toys to aid development and learning. In fact, there was so much to see and do that the first week he hardly slept at all during the day, for fear he might miss something. I also quickly realized that

although I couldn’t be with him every waking moment, I was still going to know if he was eating, getting enough sleep and what his activities were throughout the day — Jack’s “teachers” write it down as it happens. And even if I wasn’t actually there to see them, any milestones or achievements were going to be caught on film and recorded on a performance form for me to take home. But most of all, Jack got to know Miss Pam, Miss Brenda and Miss Alice; a fantastic trio of caregivers with a combined child-care experience of more than 40 years

and enough love to fill a hangar. After Jack’s first week at the center, I still popped in when I got a chance, but I wasn’t checking up on the care he was receiving, I just missed him. And although I still call the center a school, it’s no longer to console myself but because of the learning environment that encompasses the facility. We often use the words mission essential to define critical assets in the Air Force. While I’m sure the CDC is most often left off this list, should it be? Could the senior airman and

father of two on the flightline get his work done if he was constantly worried about his children? While it may be an inherent parental trait to be concerned about the health and welfare of our children, the CDC helps alleviate these worries, allowing Team Tyndall to “make it happen,” day in and day out. I’m getting ready to move to a new duty station now and Jack will soon be going to a new “school,” but I’m sure he’ll be all right – I’m sure because he’s going to be enrolled in another DOD-approved CDC.

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Q: I would just like to comment on the reminder system the people at the clinic have installed. I was not positive of my appointment time, but I received a call at my house and an automated message reminded me of my appointment and then instructed me to push some buttons if I understood. Although I don’t know how it works, I think this is a wonderful system and just wanted to say thanks to the medical people.

A: It’s always gratifying to hear that the efforts of the medical group staff to improve health-care delivery at the Tyndall Clinic are making a positive impact. They are proud to offer services like the automated appointment reminder call system to all beneficiaries. One of the added benefits of this system is a reduction in appointment no-shows, which allows the medical group to increase the number of appointments available each day. Thank you for your call and for sharing your appreciation of this new innovation.

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Vote Nov. 7

Feature

Pressuring down: Tyndall altitude chamber prepares for final flight

Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

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The new year usually brings change — one of the most noticeable in 2001 for many airmen and aviators in our region will be the deactivation of Team Tyndall's altitude chamber training facility.

The chamber has served people on flying status throughout the Air Force and in the civilian sector for more than 40 years. Over the last few years, altitude chamber certification classes have been held here for Air Battle Manager course students, pilots assigned to the 325th Fighter Wing, pilots on temporary duty with the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group Weapon System Evaluation Program and Federal Aviation Administration students.

"Tyndall's chamber has been one of the busiest and most cost-effective in the Air Force," said Maj. Aaron K. Hagan, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron aerospace physiology flight commander. "We have consistently been in the top three or four Air Force chamber units in both total number of classes taught and students trained."

According to Hagan, units that come here for WSEP get more for their temporary duty dollars by scheduling their chamber training while here. Convenience is also a factor for regional students. "What could be a two day TDY is only a few hours for some of us," said Rich Wride, a flight test engineer with Detachment 1, 46th Operations Group, Hurlburt Field.

The altitude chamber's mission in the aerospace physiology flight is to certify aircrew members who fly at altitudes above 18,000 feet and familiarize them with the effects and symptoms of hypoxia (lack of oxygen). This allows them to take preventive actions and avoid a mishap.

During Fiscal 2000 the chamber held 226 classes, training more than 2,400 students. Students included: aircrew members assigned to attack, reconnaissance, fighter and transport aircraft; bomber, tanker, high altitude parachutists and helicopter crews.

The aerospace physiology staff also provides specialized training in human factors, instrument refresher courses and fighter crew conditioning training. The physiologists are regularly used as consultants for student pilots needing assistance with G-force tolerance.

Capt. Shannon Phares, 325th ADS aerospace physiologist, is the resident human-performance expert, Hagan said. Her job is to understand the human body better, work to increase human performance, or at least understand limitations to be more mission effective and decrease safety risks. A benefit of her job includes regularly flying to experience the same effects the pilots do and translate that information in the classroom.

"When I step into the classroom," Phares said, "I'm waiting to hear what the students have to say. They've flown so much and seen

so many things that they're our knowledge base.

"I think I have the best job in the Air Force," Phares said. "If our students take one thing with them that will help, then I've done my job."

Phares echoes what others on the staff feel... that knowing they've played a part in making the air safer, helping aircrews accomplish their missions and reducing the number of mishaps is very rewarding.

"A student told me once he had just been in the situation where the aircraft he was in had lost pressurization, but he was able to recognize his hypoxia symptoms and was able to recover the aircraft," said Phares. "He told me he felt chamber training was useful because he was able to recognize his symptoms, recover and let others know there was a problem."

"It's kinda cool to know something we've done has made an impact on people and could have possibly prevented something bigger from happening out there," Phares added.

Although the chamber is slated to close, the work load and classes continue, Hagan said, at a tempo he was surprised to encounter when first assigned to the flight.

"I came over here expecting to do maybe a chamber ride a week, but we do three a week — plus all our other classes," Hagan said. "I was initially overwhelmed at how busy the shop was."

Unfortunately, manning has continued to decline without replacements as the closure looms nearer. This has been a challenge Hagan admits, but quickly adds the flight's success is solely due to his talented staff who continues to find innovative means to provide quality training.

Preparing the facility for closure is more than just facts and figures for one staff member. Master Sgt. Danny Bain, 325th ADS aerospace physiology flight NCOIC is a 22-year veteran of the career field and has been assigned to the Tyndall chamber facility since 1984. Bains has seen the unit come full circle in mission and manning.

"When I first got here we were a two-man shop with limited capability," Bain said. "In those days it took seven people to operate the chamber. Now, with increased automation, it takes only five. When MacDill AFB closed their chamber, Tyndall went to full status with 17 people assigned. The training load we have today has remained the same although we have less than half our previous manning."

"I feel a great deal of ownership and pride in what we've accomplished here over the years," Bain said. "The facility was a shambles when I first arrived and has seen some dramatic improvements."

"I kind of feel as if I'm a cornerstone to the building," Bain said reflecting on his long tenure at Tyndall.

The Tyndall altitude chamber will be dismantled and moved to Moody AFB in February and March 2001 to support the specialized undergraduate pilot training.



Top left: Capt. Shannon Phares, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron aerospace physiologist, provides classroom instruction on aviation spatial disorientation.

Middle left: Tech. Sgt. Tommy Schmidt, 325th ADS academics element chief, left, and Master Sgt. Geri Kohler, 325th ADS logistics element chief, right, assist students with oxygen equipment to ensure 100 percent oxygen during denitrogenation phase of chamber flight.

Bottom left: Staff Sgt. Lawrence Aragon, 325th ADS aerospace physiology craftsman, assists a student with quick donning of equipment which is used on his particular aircraft.





Staff Sgt. Lawrence Aragon, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron aerospace physiology craftsman, left, as inside observer number one, closely watches students' progress during chamber denitrogenation.

Photos by Master Sgt. Rob Fuller



Bottom left: Master Sgt. Branden Taylor, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron flight engineer, Robins AFB, Ga., performs a specialized hypoxia test, in which he obeys the aircraft altitude commands given by the chamber lecturer.
Bottom middle: Staff Sergeant Tracie Wymer, 325th ADS aerospace physiologist journeyman, explains the students' responsibilities during the chamber flight.
Bottom right: Schmidt gathers student equipment information vital for chamber incident use if necessary.



Air Force experiences declining domestic violence

Tech. Sgt. Richard Searles
Air Force Surgeon General's office

BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Air Force Family Advocacy Program officials report the overall rates of domestic violence within the Air Force are declining. This is important news as people around the country observed National Domestic Violence Awareness month in October.

“This gives the indication that our prevention and treatment programs are working,” said Col. John Nelson, Air Force Medical Operations Agency family advocacy division chief at Brooks AFB, Texas. “The incidence of family maltreatment in the Air Force compares most favorably with any comparison group or community.”

Family advocacy statistics show severity in all types of maltreatment in the Air Force has declined over the past 10 years. Sixty-six percent of all Air Force cases are categorized as mild in severity and according to Nelson, many would not even be identified in the civilian communities. On the other end of the scale, only 2 percent of the Air Force’s maltreatment cases are considered severe in nature.

The Air Force spouse-abuse rate of 13.5 per 1,000 is a slightly declining trend over the past seven years while the child-abuse rate of 6.3 per 1,000 is stable. Civilian rates are currently not available.

Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of behavior where one person in a relationship tries to gain power and control over his or her partner through fear and intimidation. This can take the form of threatening or actually using physical violence, or the abuse can be emotional, economic or sexual.

Domestic violence is a complex

phenomenon that undermines and impacts every facet of family functioning and has the potential to impact mission readiness, FAP officials said.

As part of a comprehensive approach to addressing family violence, FAP uses intervention models, which include a coordinated and multidisciplinary community response, with both victims and offenders of family maltreatment.

Intervening earlier in the process of family violence with outreach and prevention strategies has proven to be the key to success. FAP officials believe this is a main factor in the Air Force’s steady decrease in the severity of reported maltreatment overall.

Family advocacy programs for domestic violence are geared to include all the resources in the community working together and to reasonably address safety issues in high-risk families.

If safety becomes the responsibility of one individual or agency, the odds are in favor of a bad outcome. Therefore, the Air Force employs the High Risk for Violence Response Team at each Air Force installation as a formal way to establish a community responsibility for the safety of high-risk families.

Members of this team are from family advocacy, security forces, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the sponsor’s unit commander and first sergeant, the staff judge advocate and others as appropriate in each case.

When a family is identified as high-risk, this team meets and reviews the circumstances and indicators that raised safety concerns. A plan is created to monitor and serve this family, often making recommendations

to or setting boundaries for family members. Definitive roles and responsibilities are also assigned to individuals and agencies involved in the installation’s response to domestic violence. This team also meets if there is risk to community or staff from a FAP client.

In cases assessed to be low risk there is also discussion by all appropriate community members, FAP staff and commanders and first sergeants.

Some of the programs aimed at preventing, detecting and treating domestic violence include:

- Training for commanders, first sergeants, medical personnel and other base and off-base agencies. The focus is on reporting procedures for domestic violence in accordance with Department of Defense regulations and state laws, and the signs and symptoms of domestic violence as well as prevention measures.
- Mandatory child abuse and neglect training for childcare providers, medical personnel and security police annually.
- Stress-management seminars open to men and women who need help with managing the stress in their lives.
- Anger-management seminars open to men and women who need help managing anger in family or work environments.
- A home-visiting program for new parents with the goal of preventing family maltreatment by enhancing parent role-adaptation and problem-solving skills, and increasing knowledge of child/infant growth and development.

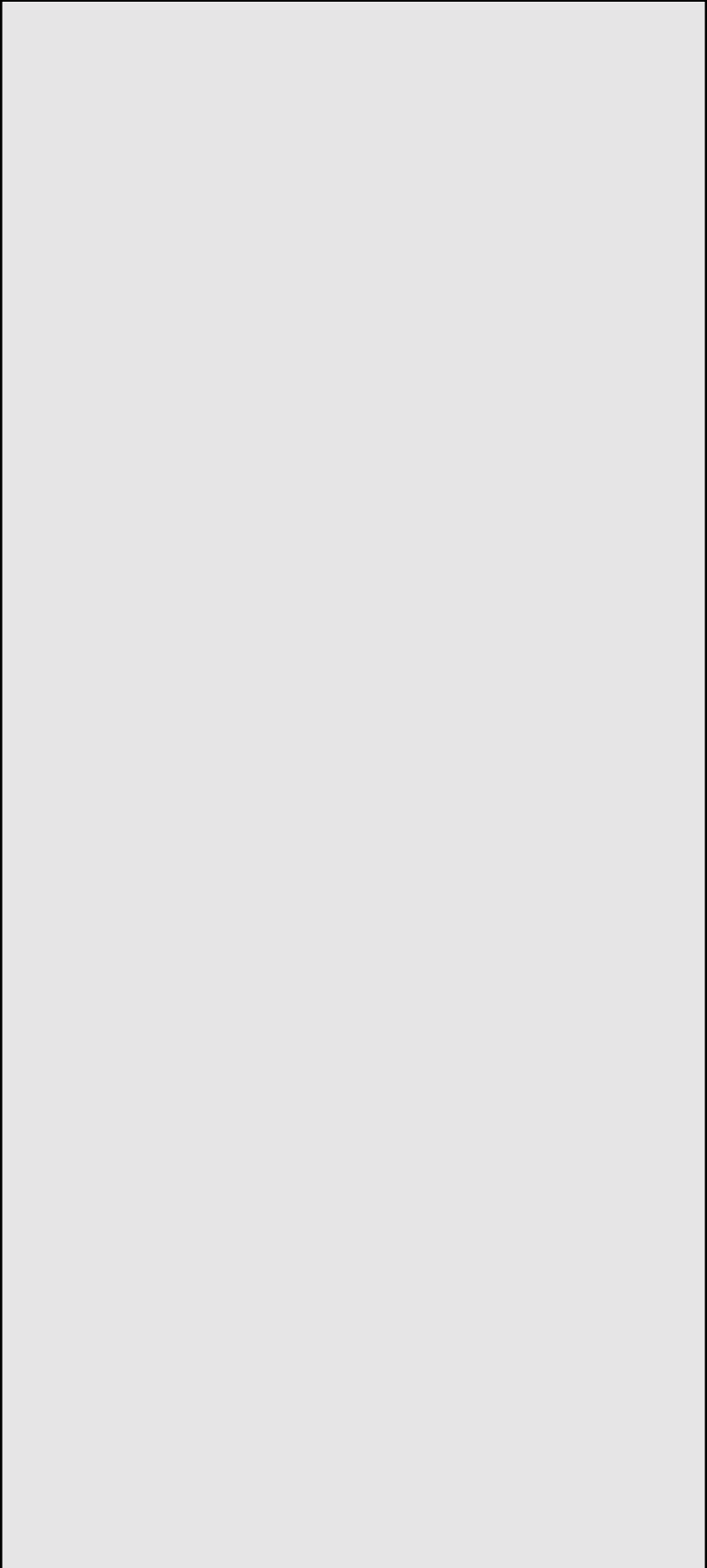
“We are working hard to strengthen families, build non-violent communities and support military readiness through family health and wellness,” Nelson said.

Tyndall’s chapel schedule

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| Protestant Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Chapel 1 General Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Chapel 2 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Kids’ Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m. Wednesday | Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Satur- day Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2 Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2 Religious education: 10:50 a.m. Sunday Chapel 2: 283-2925 Other faith groups: Call 283- 2925 |
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Catholic
Daily Mass: noon Monday
through Friday, Chapel 2;

Vote, vote, vote!

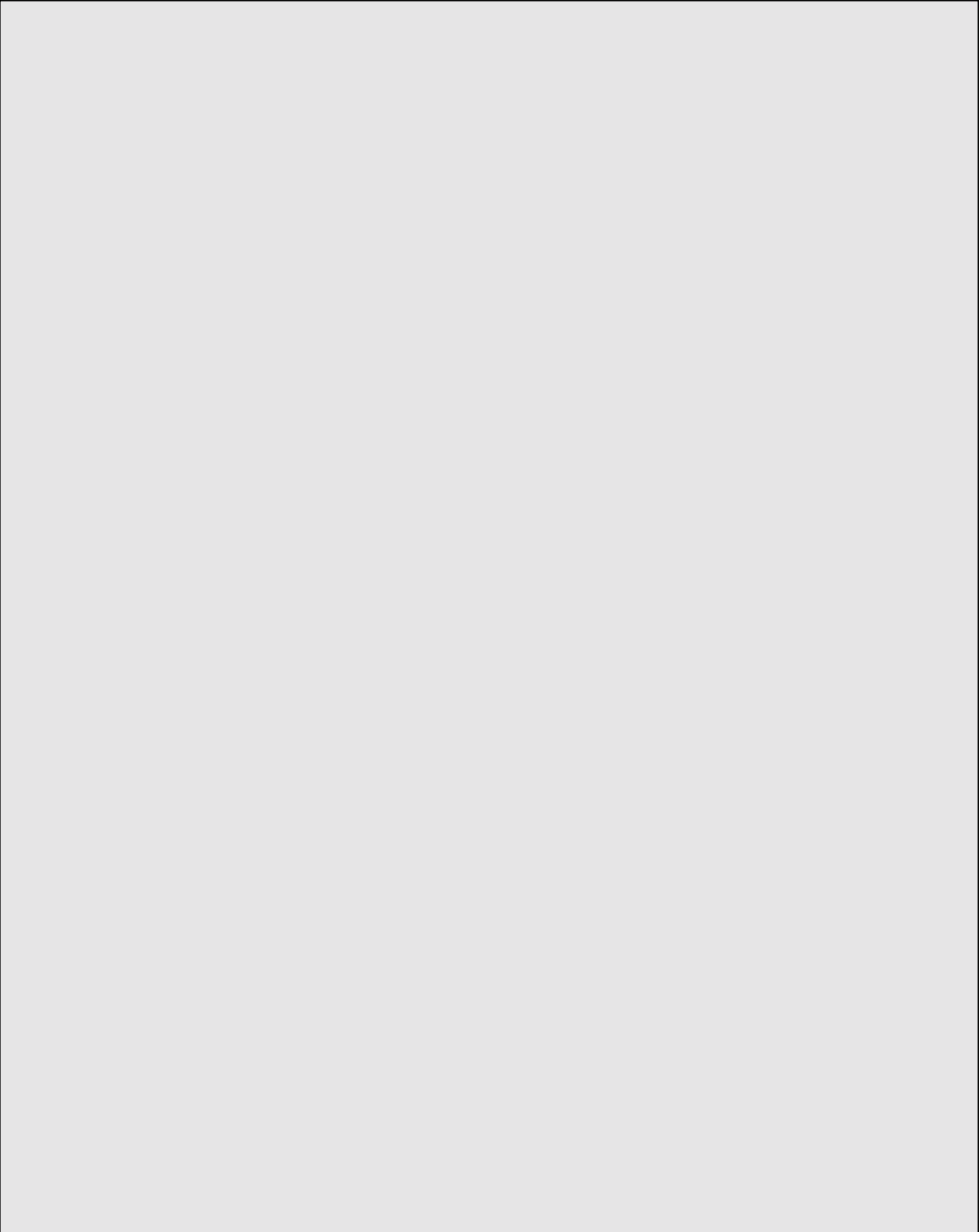


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about any aspect of
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*[www.afpc.randolph.
af.mil/careercorner](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/careercorner).*

*For more information,
call 283-2222 (283-
Career Assistance
Advice Anytime).*



Enlisted commissioning opportunities broadcast

At 3 p.m. Wednesday, Headquarters Reserve Officer Training Corps will be broadcasting, live via satellite, an interactive presentation on enlisted commissioning opportunities. Panel members from the Air Force Academy, ROTC and Officer Training School will present various paths to becoming an officer in the Air Force.

The one-hour presentation can be viewed at the base education office and will be interactive in nature, allowing enlisted personnel to ask questions of panel members using teleconferencing technology. Valuable information on college scholarship programs will be the central topic. Please pre-coordinate with base education so they can plan for the number of attendees. For more information, call Major Dennis Millsap, headquarters ROTC, (334) 953-2091.

Tyndall Pride

With BDUs an undershirt must be worn and it must be either brown or black crew-neck. No other options. — AFI 36-2903/AETC Sup 1.

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in the
Tyndall community

NOVEMBER

FRI 3

Dining out

Tickets are now on sale for Team Tyndall's Dining out Nov. 18 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. The Dining out is a formal dinner for military, nonmilitary spouses, friends and civilians. Military members must wear the mess dress or the semi-formal uniform. Cost: E-1 through E-4, \$15; E-5 through E-6, \$18; E-7 through O-4, \$22; O-5 and above, \$25. The surcharge for non-club members is \$3. Limited seating will be available. For tickets or more information, see your first sergeant.

SAT 4

Motorcycle safety rodeo

A free motorcycle safety rodeo will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the motorcycle range located on Louisiana Avenue. The rodeo is being held to improve safety in the motorcycle environment by increasing rider skills and awareness so as to reduce the chances of being injured in an accident. A free barbecue will be provided for all participants. Anyone wanting to participate can sign up at the wing safety office or the community activities center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. David Scott, 283-4231 or Rudy Wallace at the community activities center, 283-2495.

Boating safely class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 one-day boating safely class will be 8 a.m. Saturday at Treasure Island Marina. Lunch will be provided and an examination will be given 4 p.m. A certificate and wallet-sized card will be provided to all who pass the test. Class size is limited to 25 and the instruction is free. The cost of the textbook is \$15. For more information or to register, call Treasure Island Marina, 234-6533.

MON 6

Anger-management workshop

A three-session anger-management workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 in the family advocacy conference room. The course will include recognizing and identifying the causes of anger and developing effective anger-management strategies. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots", for parents and their under-age-5 children meets 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the youth center. For more information, call 286-5812.

TUE 7

Couples' communication class

A four-session couples' communication class will be 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 21 and 28 in the family advocacy conference room. The class will focus on helping couples learn better ways to communicate, solve problems and have fun together. For more information,

call family advocacy, 283-7272.

WED 8

Parenthood-preparation course

The four-session parenthood-preparation course will continue 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 and Nov. 29 in the family advocacy conference room. The class will cover basic infant care and development, care of a sick infant and how to cope with a crying baby. For more information or to register, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

Stress-management workshop

The three-session stress-management workshop will continue 1-3 p.m. Wednesday and Nov. 15 in the family advocacy conference room. The course will include identifying the symptoms and causes of stress and developing an effective stress-management plan. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

FRI 10

AAFES holiday hours

The following Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will be open at the following times on Nov. 10, Veterans Day. Main store, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; service station, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Shoal Point Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Felix Lake Shoppette, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; class six and shoppette, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wok Works, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

SAT 11

"Celebrate Downtown Festival"

The Greater Downtown Association and the Downtown Improvement Board's "Celebrate Downtown Festival" will be Nov. 11. Six city blocks will be closed to traffic. In addition to vendor sales, the festival will host a variety of events, including a Veterans Day parade with an F-15 fly-over, children's festival, barbecue and chili cook-off, music, antique auction, wine tasting, motorcycle, car and boat shows and arts and crafts. For more information, call the Emerald Coast Events Commission, 784-9542.

NOTES

AMVETS membership drive

AMVETS Post 2298, "Veterans Helping Veterans", is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is open to all active-duty as well as former military members with an honorable discharge. The post is located at 5520 Highway 22 in Callaway. Programs include pool and dart tournaments, live entertainment, karaoke, special dinners, fund-raisers and bus trips. For more information, visit or call the post, 784-0066.

Mandatory anti-terrorism briefings

Mandatory Air Force Level 1 anti-terrorism briefings conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations will be 8 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month beginning Dec. 7 in Building 656 next door to the Security Forces building. The briefings will last approximately 30 minutes and are for Air Force members with permanent

change of station or temporary duty tour assignments to overseas locations. For more information, call AFOSI Detachment 419 Counterintelligence program manager, Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

FSU office

The new Florida State University on-base office is now open 1-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 30 of the education center. In addition, Bob Shaw will be available 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 30 to talk with students.

Minnesota Air National Guard openings

Immediate part-time Minnesota Air National Guard positions are available with the 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn., for those wanting to use the 'Palace Chase' and 'Palace Front' programs. For more information, call the Duluth recruiter, DSN 825-7244, (800) 831-7027 or FAX: DSN 825-7532. You may also call the military personnel flight customer service office, 283-3198.

RETIREE NEWS

DEERS information

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility System is a database of active-duty family members, retirees and their family members and others eligible for TRICARE benefits. Active-duty members and retirees are registered automatically; family members and eligible survivors must initiate their own registration.

DEERS information is not updated automatically. When there is a change in family status such as a marriage, divorce, birth or adoption, or if there is an address changes due to a move, the DEERS file must be updated.

When DEERS files are outdated, problems arise. Members may miss mailings about health benefits which are sent using DEERS addresses. TRICARE benefits may be denied if DEERS has not been updated to reflect a new spouse or child. A claim may also be paid by mistake if DEERS has no record of divorce or death. With an incorrectly paid claim, the government is required by law to request reimbursement, regardless of who is at fault.

To update DEERS information, visit the nearest military personnel office; e-mail changes to: addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil; FAX changes to: (831) 655-8317; mail changes to: DEERS Support Office, Attention: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, Calif., 93955-6771; or make address changes on line at: www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress. For more information, call the DEERS Support Office, (800) 538-9552 Monday-Friday from 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Retiree web site

The Retiree Activities Office web site can be accessed by logging on to: www.tyndall.af.mil/325FW/RAO.htm. The site contains information on TRICARE, Medicare, Social Security, DFAS and the Department of Veterans Affairs. New links have been added. It is now possible to link to the Army and Navy retiree sites and review various documents as well as download *Army Echos* and read *Shift Colors*. *Afterburner* remains available on the AFPC link. For more information, call the RAO, 283-2737.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3109-B Dagger Drive and 3149-B Tiger St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Today: "Urban Legends: Final Cut" (R, violence, gore, language and some sexuality, 94 min.)
Saturday: "Urban Legends: Final Cut"
Sunday: "Nurse Betty" (R, strong violence, pervasive language and sexuality, 112 min.)
Thursday: "Nurse Betty"

Sports and Fitness

Intramural flag football standings

Large squadron

| Team | Wins | Losses | GB |
|---------|------|--------|-----|
| 95 FS 1 | 8 | 0 | — |
| OSS | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| TRS | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| CES | 5 | 2 | 2.5 |
| COMM | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| MSS | 3 | 4 | 4.5 |
| SEADS | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 FS | 2 | 5 | 5.5 |
| MDG | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| 95 FS 2 | 1 | 6 | 6.5 |
| 2 FS | 1 | 7 | 7 |

Small squadron

| Team | Wins | Losses | GB |
|---------|------|--------|-----|
| SFS | 8 | 2 | — |
| MXS | 7 | 3 | 1.0 |
| 83 FWS | 7 | 3 | 1.0 |
| CONS | 4 | 6 | 4.0 |
| Army | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| 82 ATRS | 1 | 9 | 7 |

Intramural golf standings

| Squadron | Points |
|----------|--------|
| CONR 1 | 68.5 |
| CES | 60.5 |
| TRS | 60 |
| AFCESA | 59.5 |
| SVS | 53.5 |
| MXS | 50.5 |
| MSS | 46 |
| LSS1 | 40.5 |
| SEADS | 34 |
| Test 1 | 26 |
| OSS | 26 |
| CONR 2 | 23 |
| 83 FWS | 25.5 |
| 81 TSS | 22.5 |
| RHS | 22 |
| CONR 3 | 20 |
| COMM | 18 |
| 372 TRS | 11 |
| LSS 2 | 3.5 |

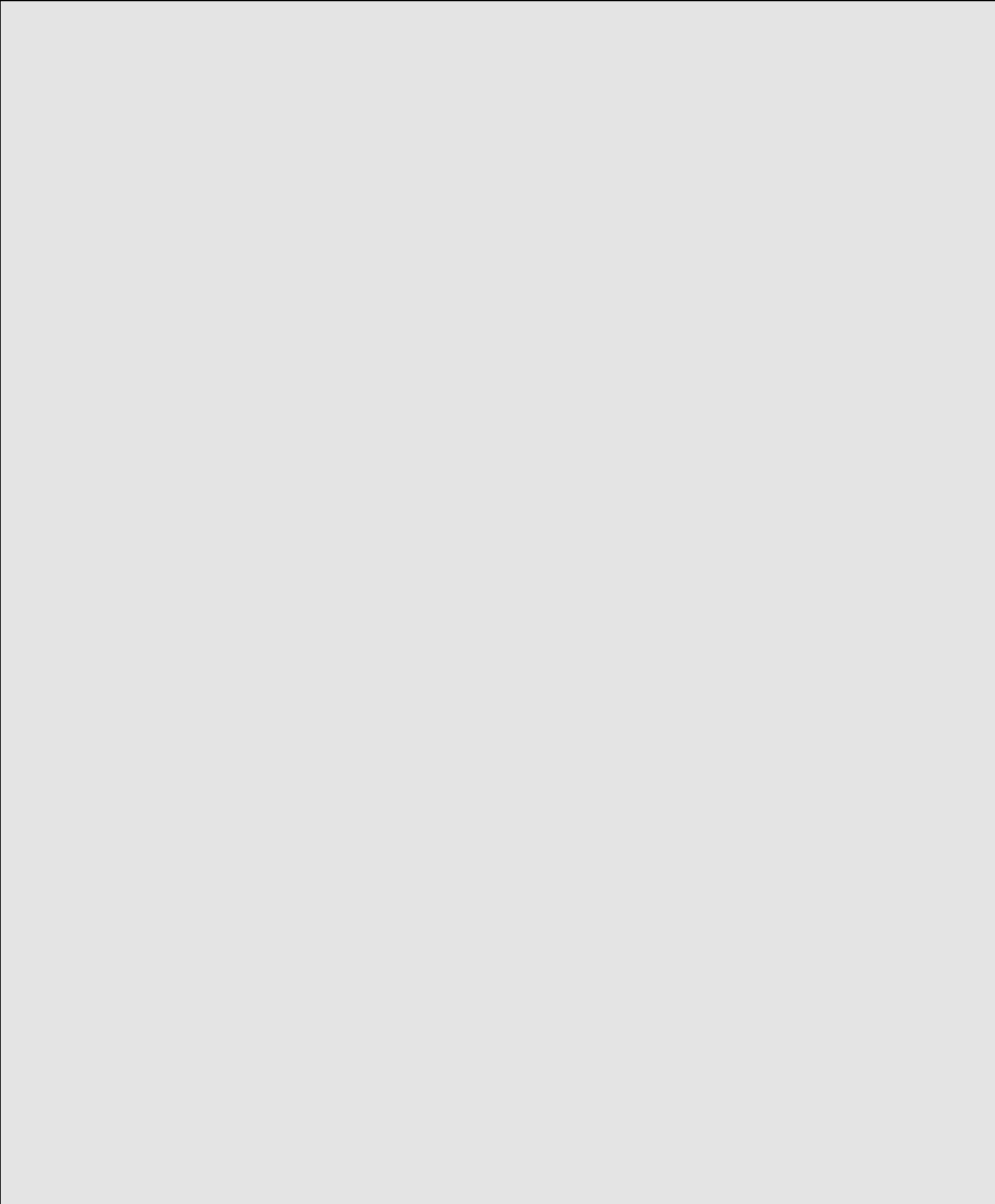


Know the rules? Be a ref.

Intramural basketball officials are needed for refereeing games at Tyndall and the Naval Coastal Systems Station beginning in mid-November. For more information, call Jeff Julian, 785-6403.

SEMAC basketball action Hurlburt Field at Tyndall

Saturday, women, 1 p.m.;
men 3 p.m.
Sunday, women, 11 a.m.;
men, 1 p.m.



Tyndall classifieds

- 1997 Harley Davidson Sportster, 883, laced wheels, forward controls, drag bars and pipes. Looks and runs great, \$6,700. Call 763-8354.
 - Weslo Push and Pull Cardio Glide Plus exercise machine, excellent condition. Includes workout manual. Cost \$250, will sell for \$125.
- Call 871-4077.

 - 1990 Jeep Cherokee 4X4, red, new everything. 5” Trailmaster lift kit, 31x10.5 tires, AM/FM/CD, extras, \$5,950 OBO. Call 286-8035.
 - Exquisite unicorn figurine by Boehm, \$125. Call 871-2453.

Place an ad, make a deal

Tyndall Pride

When wearing flight suits an undershirt is required. Undershirts can be either white crew-neck, V- or U-neck; or a black crew-neck — AFI 36-2903/AETC Sup 1.

Get out the vote!



Vote
Nov. 7

Spotlight



2nd Lt. Chuck Lee

Airman 1st Class Joshua Bragg

Squadron: 325th Training Squadron
Job title: Weapons technician
Years at Tyndall: Two
Hometown: Atascadera, Calif.
Why did you join the Air Force: To finish my bachelor’s degree.
Most exciting facet of your job: It is dynamic and changes daily.
Short-term goals: Finish my bachelor’s degree and make staff sergeant.
Long-term goals: Get an officer commission.
Favorite book: “Heart of Darkness”
Favorite movie: “Gettysburg”
Hobbies and off-duty activities: Reading, baseball, swimming.



